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City of Port Adelaide, Enfield Council E: <u>service@cityofpae.sa.gov.au</u>

## **RE: Companion Animal Project**

Animal Care Australia is writing to you to commend City of Port Adelaide Enfield on your initiative of 'People and Pets' companion animal project.

Animal Care Australia sees this as a wonderful community project to not only support pet owners that are in need of some assistance in meeting their animal's care and needs, it also gives volunteers who may not be able to have their own pet the opportunity to interact with animals, and enjoy some of the well-recognised mental health benefits this brings with it.

Community education and support of each other is often lacking, and we applaud City of Port Adelaide Enfield for recognising this need and launching a sound solution. We expect to see your residents, their pets and volunteers all benefit from this program.

Please do keep us informed on the success of the program, so we can encourage other councils in Australia to adopt similar models to keep pets in their forever homes with their owners.

We can be contacted at: <u>aca@animalcareaustalia.org.au</u> so please do not hesitate to make contact if we can assist further.

Kind regards,

Dame

Michael Donnelly President 0400 323 843

Animal Care Australia (ACA) is a national incorporated association established to consult with government in advocating for real animal welfare by those who keep, breed and care for animals. Our goal is to promote and encourage high standards in all interactions with the animals in our care.